O P E 4000 B

2681 Im

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL

To Commissioner For Patents

Enclosed herewith is a Form PTO-1449, any required copies of documents listed thereon, and any concise explanation of their relevance is indicated below per 37 CFR 1.97.

Application Number	10/542,121
Filing Date	July 12, 2005
First Named Inventor	Richard P. Kleihorst
Group Art Unit	2681
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	NL 030005

		e charge any required No. <u>14-1270.</u>	fee under §	§1.17(i) or §1.1	7(p) or	any other	required fee (ex	xcept the issue fee) to
1.	☐ I certi	certify that these documents were first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a nterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months ago.						
2.	counterp	I certify that none of these documents were cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a ounterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, none f these documents was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three (3) months ago.						
	Applicant hereby petitions under §1.97(d) that this IDS be considered after final Action or Notice of Allowance, pays the fee under §1.17(p) as indicated below, and I certify 1. or 2. as indicated above.							
	A fee under §1.17(p) is not required under §1.97(c), after the first Action on the merits and more than (3) months after the date of application or RCE, because I certify 1. or 2. as indicated above.							
	A copy of the citations is not required because they were previously submitted or cited in the parent application (or in U.S. patent application Ser. No							
	Filing Da	ite		rened on for ar	i earme	renective	nning date und	er 35 U.S.C. 120).
	A copy of the U.S. patent(s) and patent application publication(s) in all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, and in all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 USC § 371 after June 30, 2003 under 37 CFR 1.491(b), are not required.							
	A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English document, as understood by the individual designated in §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the contents, is enclosed per §1.98(a)(3).							
The corknowle	The concise explanation of the relevance of any, as understood by the individual designated in §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the contents, is that the document is/was:							
	cited in the specification or considered in drafting the specification of this application;							
	previously submitted or cited in the parent application (or in a related patent application							
	Ser. NoFiling Date:;							
	(X) cited as an "X", "Y" or "A" document in a foreign Patent Office search report in a foreign counterpart application.							
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED								
Name (Pri	nt Type)	Larry Liberchuk					lo. (Attorney/Agent)	40,352
Signature	M 12-05							
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION								
I hereby certify that this is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner For Patents, P.O. BOX 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office tel. # :								
	Name (Print Type) EDNA CHAPA							
Signature		Char		page		Date	12/	15/05
				7				··· , ·

DEC 1 9 2005 W

Sheet

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

then Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known			
Application Number	10/542,121		
Filing Date	July 12, 2005		
First Named Inventor	Richard P. Kleihorst		
Art Unit	2681		
Examiner Name			
Attorney Docket Number	NL 030005		

				DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ^{2 (# known)}	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	1	^{US-} 6,424,323	07/23,2002	Bell et al	ALL
		US-			
	-	US-			
		US-			
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		US-			
-	-	US-			
		US-		_	
		US-	 		
		US-			
	-	US-	 		

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Cite		Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages	T		
		Country Code ³ "Number ⁴ "Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	, pp. car. o.	Or Relevant Figures Appear	7		
						L		
				-				

Examiner	Date	
	, but	l l
Signature	Considered	· i
0.9	Considered	
		i e

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. Senter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.